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SUBJ: ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN-INDONESIAN DISCUSSIONS

SUMMARY: ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN-INDONESIAN DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE OCTOBER 29-30 IN RELAXED ATMOSPHERE MARKED BY OPEN GIVE AND TAKE. TIMOR WAS PRIMARY SUBJECT WITH INDONESIAN FONDEPT TAKING OFFICIAL LINE THAT GOI WILL RESPECT WISHES OF TIMORESE, WHILE OPSUS STALWART HARRY TJAN LET ACCOMPANYING REPORTERS KNOW THAT A MILITARY TAKEOVER IS A DEFINITE POSSIBILITY. OTHER MAJOR TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS SOUTHWEST PACIFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP, WITH BOTH SIDES EXPRESSING READINESS TO PROCEED AS SOON

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AS PAUPA NEW GUINEA IS INDEPENDENT. END SUMMARY

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS NOVEMBER 1, CHIEF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY POL SECTION ARRIENS GAVE RUNDOWN OF THIRD ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN-INDONESIAN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH HELD JAKARTA OCTOBER 29-30. AUSTRALIAN SIDE LED BY DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SEC GEN ALAN RENAOUF WHO ACCOMPANIED BY SOUTH ASIA DIVISION CHIEF FEAKES AND SEA HEAD LANCE JOSEPH. TRAVELING WITH PARTY WERE REPORTERS RICHARDSON AND HSTINGS. RENOUF AND OFFICIAL PARTY WERE RECEIVED BY FONMIN MALIK, AND HELD SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH FONDEPT DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DJAJADININGRAT, ASIA PACIFIC DIRECTORATE CHIEF BRIG GEN ADENAN AND OTHERS. RENAOUF ALSO CALLED ON BAKIN CHIEF GENERAL YOGA AND HAD A WORKING LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF ALI MURTOPO'S OPSUS(SPECIAL OPERATIONS) GROUP INCLUDING LIM BIAN KIE, DAOUD JOESUF, PANGLAYKIM AND HARRY TJAN. AUSTRALIANS DID NOT MEET WITH HANKAM (DEFENSE DEPT) OFFICIALS.

2. ATMOSPHERE AT MEETINGS WAS MUCH MORE RELAXED THAN AT PREVIOUS TALKS, WITH "EVEN JUNIOR OFFICIALS FROM BOTH SIDES PUTTING IN THEIR TWO PENCE WORTH WHILE THEIR BOSSES LOOKED ON SMILING." GOA DECISION TO CO-SPONSOR PRO-GKR RESOLUTION AT UNGA, WHICH AUSTRALIANS INFORMED MALIK OF DURING CALL, MADE INDONESIAN "ECSTATIC", ESPECIALLY SINCE RENAOUF MADE IT CLEAR GOA HAD TAKEN THIS POSITION MAINLY BECAUSE OF ASEAN REQUEST.

3. MAJOR TOPIC WAS TIMOR AND AUSTRALIANS WERE A BIT DISAPPOINTED THAT MALIK AND DJAJADININGRAT MERELY STUCK TO OFFICIAL LINE THAT INDONESIA WILL RESPECT ANY EXPRESSION OF SELF-DETERMINATION ON PART OF PORTUGUESE TIMORESE. AUSTRALIANS WERE TOLD THAT, DURING ALI MURTOPO'S RECENT VISIT TO LISBON, GOP HAD STATED THAT INDEPENDENCE WAS OUT OF QUESTION. INDONESIANS ALSO VOICED CONCERN OVER EXPRESSION OF PORTUGUESE AFFINITY WITH TIMOR WHICH MINISTER FOR TERRITORIAL COORDINATION SANTOS MADE DURING RECENT VISIT TO TIMOR(MEMCON WITH SIMILAR REPORT FROM INDONESIAN JOURNALIST BEING POUCHED). REAL BOMBHELL EXPLODED WHEN OPSUS' HARRY TJAN, AT PRIVATE LUNCH WITH RICHARDSON AND HASTINGS, STATED FLATLY THAT INDONESIA

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INTENDS TO INCORPORATE TIMOR AND WILL MILITARY MEANS IF NECESSARY. ARRIENS REMARKED THAT HARRY IS NOT LIKELY TO MAKE A STATEMENT OF THAT IMPORTANCE THOUGHTLESSLY. THEREFORE, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WONDERS WHETHER OPSUS, WHICH WANTS A TAKEOVER OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR WITH AS GOOD AN INTERNATIONAL REACTION AS POSSIBLE, IS NOT APPALLED AT POSSIBLE MILITARY PLANS TO "PUSH AHEAD, WITH A....YOU, JACK" APPROACH, AND IS LEAKING THIS STORY TO IMPEDE THEIR EXECUTION.

(COMMENT: THIS WOULD BE A NEW TWIST, SINCE UP TO NOW MOST OBSERVERS HAVE FELT IT WAS THE FONDEPT WHICH WAS WORRIED ABOUT INDONESIA'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE WITH OPSUS READY TO FORGE AHEAD.)

4. DISCUSSION OF SOUTHWEST PACIFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP WAS AMICABLE WITH BOTH SIDES HOPING THE SPCG WOULD GET OFF GROUND AS SOON AS PNG INDEPENDENT AND PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE. INDONESIAN SIDE SAID IT WOULD WELCOME FIJI IN SPCG ALONG WITH AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAUPE NEW GUINEA AND INDONESIA. IN DISCUSSING SPCG, MALIK STATED THAT ONCE SUBREGIONAL GROUPS SUCH AS ASEAN AND SPCG FULLY FORMED (WITH INDONESIA AS INTERLOCKING COUNTRY), IT WOULD THEN BE TIME TO THINK OF A LARGER ASIAN FORUM. (COMMENT: GIVEN PROBLEMS OF INCLUDING INDOCHINA STATES AND BURMA IN ASEAN, AS INDONESIA WISHES, AS WELL AS FORMING SPCG, MALIK WAS CLEARLY SPEAKING ABOUT THE MORE DISTANT FUTURE.)

5. BOTH SIDES DEPLORED INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST BUT INDONESIANS RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO AUSTRALIAN URGING THAT GOI RATIFY NPT, DESPITE STRONG PITCH BY JOSEPH TO EFFECT THAT ADHERENCE TO NPT DOES EXERT MORAL SUASION ON NATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERING NUCLEAR CAPABILITY. (COMMENT: AUSTRALIANS, LIKE WE, FEEL MANY INDONESIANS SECRETELY WELCOME FACT THAT ANOTHER ASIAN POWER BESIDES PRC IS NOW NUCLEAR POWER.)  
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